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MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Subject: French Position on Berlin (C)

1. DeGaulle has approved French position on Berlin as follows:
 - a. Rejects moves leading to recognition of GDR
 - b. Supports concept of airlift limited initially to supply of allied garrisons
 - c. Acknowledges readiness to face a test of force
2. The French recommend a tripartite demarche reaffirming Western will to stay in Berlin (after Soviet intentions are declared). The French also consider that the West should be prepared to negotiate with Soviets on the entire German question presumably after a test of force.
3. Op-61 Comment: The French stand was communicated before Khrushchev's "Free Berlin" proposals were announced.

Very respectfully,
A. J. My word for

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